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**PATENT**

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FOR ORIGINAL PATENT APPLICATION**

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My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF SOOT-LADEN WATER**

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed as United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/039,829 on October 19, 2001, and was amended on [ ] (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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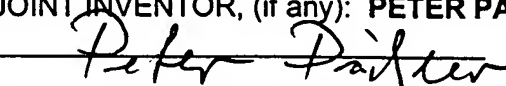
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